

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and 12-16.

Please add the following claims:

17. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the telomerase inhibitor comprises a green tea extract containing a catechin.

18. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the catechin is epigallocatechin gallate, epigallocatechin, epicatechin gallate, or epicatechin.

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19. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the telomerase inhibitor further comprises pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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20. The method according to Claim 11, wherein the telomerase inhibitor comprise the catechin in an amount of 90 to 95% by weight.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the communication mailed May 10, 1999. Claim 11 has been amended to change the claim to an independent claim. Claims 1-10 and 12-16 have been canceled as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 17-20 have been added. Support for these claims can be found in the claims originally filed. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the above-mentioned communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Claim 11, drawn to a method inhibiting telomerase activity. This election is made without traverse. Claims 17-20 have been added as dependent claims of Claim 11. Thus, Claims 11 and 17-20 will be examined on the merits.

Verification Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b)